

"COME ASHORE!"

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CHAPTER XII.

BURIED.
It is my purpose to describe the interview which took place between my hero and Mr. Monk. Suffice it to say that when the young man again emerged from the gloomy shadow of the dwelling there was a curious smile on his face, while Mr. Monk, who had followed him to the door and watched his retreating figure, had a horrible expression of fear on his face.

"Where have you been, William?" he asked.

The question was innocent in itself, but it was full of hidden meaning for William Jones.

"Where have I been?" he repeated, "at work, to be sure."

The tone of his reply startled the old man. He looked up and saw to his amazement that William was as white as a ghost, and trembling violently.

"What's the matter, William?" he asked, eagerly. "Have you seen a wreck, my son?"

"No, I don't," responded his son, violently.

"And I hope not, old man, you just be quiet and let me know that's all!"

The old man, knowing his son's temper, did not say another word, but followed him into the house, made straight for William's bedroom, and, entering unceremoniously, he found that a worthy soul sat beside the youth, without a word he rushed upon him, seized him by the throat, and began pummeling his head upon the wall.

"You're a nosed, treacherous scoundrel!" he cried. "Tell me what you're doing, or I'll kill you!"

But William Jones was unconscious of having done anything, and he said as much, whenupon Monk's fury seemed about to rise again.

"Mr. Monk," cried William Jones, in terror, "look ye now, tell me what's the matter?"

"I mean you to tell me what you have been doing to me all these years. Something came ashore with that child—something that might lead to her identity, and you have kept it, thinking to realize money upon it, or to have it in your power. What means it?"

But William Jones was evidently unable to speak, having lost his voice from fear.

Monk loosed forth his hands to seize him, when the old man, who had been a secret spectator of all this, suddenly broke into a roar.

"Look ye, now; I know there was summation. It was a little book, studded in the front of her forehead."

"A book!" returned Monk, eagerly; "and what was it with it? Tell me that, you old fool! Did you burn it?"

"Burn it?" exclaimed the other. "No, neither won't burn nothing! William and me, you know where you put it, William dear. In the old place."

"Then curse you for anavarious old devil!" thundered Monk. "The book has been stolen; you do heart—stolen by that young pauper!"

He could say no more, the effect of his words upon William Jones was electric. He gave a wild shriek, and began tearing his hair. It now became his turn to moan and rave, and for some time nothing coherent could be got from him.

"Curse your folly!" exclaimed Monk; "you've brought it out, don't deserve it. I should help you, but I'll help you no longer. It's clear that this young man has possessed himself of a shadow of your secret and mine. But from what he said to me, I fancy he has not yet divulged it to a single soul. He's the only human being we have to fear. We must cease to fear him. Do you understand?"

Now William Jones did not understand; so in order to make his meaning clear, Mr. Monk drove him out from the cottage and whispered something in his ear. William Jones turned as white as death, and began to tremble all over.

"I couldn't do it, sir," he moaned. "Look ye—I couldn't do it!"

Monk stamped his foot impatiently; then turned to his frightened victim.

"You ought to know by this time that I have the power and determination to effect my ends. Continue to oppose me and play the fool and all that power shall be used against you. Do you hear? I will ruin you! I will bind you over to the authorities as a thief—I will have you tried for concealing the papers which might have proved the identity of the child found dashed ashore fifteen years ago. Do you hear?"

Mr. Monk evidently knew the nature of the man whom he had to deal, for after a little more conversation William Jones, cowering like a frightened child, promised implicit obedience.

"Now, then," said Monk, when he had brought matters to a satisfactory termination, "you will show me this hiding place of yours."

To this William Jones at first objected, but

"Who knows," said he, "but there may be other things having reference to the child. I mean to see for myself. Now, William Jones."

So William Jones, seeing that resistance would be useless, promised to conduct his friend to the cave; and after a good deal of hesitation and of continued show of unwillingness, William Jones part, the two men started off.

When they drew near to the cave William Jones gave a cry and pointed to the sand. Looking down, Monk clearly saw footprints. They followed them and found that they led right to the mouth of the cave.

"It's standing open," cried William Jones, as he pointed down with trembling finger.

"I'm tired, I am," said he, "and hungry and cold. Come, tell Monk, drawing down the hole."

As he reached the rocks below he heard a sharp cry, and looking down, by the dim light of a candle stuck in the wall, Brinkley struggling helplessly in the powerful grip of Monk. He had been sprung upon from behind, and was helpless, through a sort of giddiness.

Horrified and trembling, William Jones was rooted to his place.

Suddenly he saw the young man fall backward lifeless, and with one last gasp, perfectly still. Monk stooped over him and looked into his face.

"Mr. Monk!" cried William, "he—he is—"

"He's dead!" was the reply. "So much the better."

As he spoke, he bent down and searched the young man's pockets. His brow blackened, for he did not find what he sought. Then he took the light from the wall, and held it close to Brinkley's eyes.

Satisfied that he did not breathe, he climbed up the path and rejoined his trembling companion. They passed out of the place, hasty replaced the trap-door, and piled on sand upon the hole.

"It's you, Monk, with a wild smile on his face, "he said. "We're both face to face now. Come, come."

And he strode hastily away, followed by William Jones, leaving the young man of the cave in the subterranean tomb.

Laws of New Jersey.

(BY AUTHORITY)

CHAPTER CLIX.

An Act concerning the laws in this state, and authorizing the common council to fix the term and solar of office of the State Reform School.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That all the powers and discretions heretofore given to the board of trustees of the school except the appointment of the schoolmaster, shall be vested in the board of trustees of the State Reform School.

2. And be it enacted, That the acts and parts of acts, heretofore passed, and that this act shall be deemed a public act, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed April 4, 1885.

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